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Stated Meeting, September 21, 1894.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters acknowledging the receipt of diploma from Dr. Isaac Roberts, Crowborough, Sussex, England, and Hon. Robert E. Pattison, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A circular from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Sydney, in reference to prizes for 1894, 1895 and 1896.

A circular from the Palæographical Society of Australasia, Sydney, setting forth the objects of the Society.

Communication from the Council of the Imperial Russian Geographical Society, in reference to the necessity of an International Agreement with regard to the publication of material contained in Naval Meteorological Journals.

Circular from the Secrétariat Général de la Société de Géographie de Toulouse, in reference to a decimal division of the day.

Prospectus of the nature and objects of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, London, England.

A letter from N. Borovko, Odessa, Russia, in reference to the question of an international language.

Letters of envoy were received from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Sydney; Mr. Edward Cousel, Melbourne, Australia; Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Government Astronomer, Madras, India; Société Imp. Mineralogique, Comité Geologique, Observatoire Physique Central, St. Petersburg, Russia; Academia Romania, Bukarest; Universite R. de Norvège, Christiania; Fondation de P. Teyler van der Hulst, Hárlem, N. Holland; Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden, Z. Holland; K. Leopoldinisch-Carolinische Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher, Halle a. S., Prussia; Gesellschaft zur Beförderung der gesammten Naturwissenschaften, Marburg, Prussia; Württembergische Verein für Handelsgeographie, Stuttgart; Musée Guimet, Bureau of Longitudes, Société Philologique, Paris, France; Zoölogical

Society, Royal Society, London, Eng.; Royal Dublin Society, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, Ireland; Geological Society of America, Rochester, N. Y.; U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md.; Musée de La Plata, La Plata, Argentine Republic, S. A.; Société Scientifica du Chili, Santiago; Instituto Físico Geográfico Nacional, San José, Central America.

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France (142); Bibliothèque Universitaire, Lyon, France (142); Faculté des Sciences, Marseille, France (114, 115, 116, and Catalogue, Parts i-iv); Société Française de Physique, Société de l'Histoire de France (144), Rédaction de "Cosmos" (142, 144), Ministre des Travaux Publics (138, 141), Compte de Charencey, M. Victor Duruy (144), Profs. E. Levasseur (142), E. Mascart (142, 144), Gaston Maspero (142, 144), Léon de Rosny (142), Marquis de Nadaillac (142), Paris, France.

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Fulton, Johnstown, Pa.; Linnean Society, Lancaster, Pa.; Dr. D. G. Brinton, Media, Pa.; Academy of Natural Sciences, Engineers' Club, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Mercantile Library, Wagner Free Institute, Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Editor of *The Medical News*, Public Library, Library Company of Philadelphia, Hon. James T. Mitchell, Gen. I. J. Wistar, Revs. W. H. Furness, H. Clay Trumbull, Profs. John Ashhurst, Jr., Edward D. Cope, F. A. Genth, Jr., Lewis M. Haupt, H. W. Spangler, Drs. George Friebis, Morris Longstreth, Charles A. Oliver, C. N. Peirce, W. S. W. Ruschenberger, Charles Schäffer, William Thomson, Messrs. Richard L. Ashhurst, R. Meade Bache, Cadwalader Biddle, Lorin Blodget, Patterson DuBois, Jacob B. Eckfeldt, William A. Ingham, E. V. d'Invilliers, A. S. Letchworth, Robert Patterson, Henry Phillips, Jr., Franklin Platt, Theodore D. Rand, L. A. Scott, N. P. Tatham, Louis Vossion, Mrs. Helen Abbott Michael, Philadelphia; Prof. John F. Carll, Pleasantville, Pa.; Mr. Heber S. Thompson, Pottsville, Pa.; Dr. W. H. Appleton, Swarthmore, Pa.; Rev. F. A. Muhlenberg, Reading, Pa.; Philosophical Society, Hon. William Butler, Mr. Philip P. Sharples, West Chester, Pa.; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Mr. N. A. Cobb, Sydney, Australia; Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, Melbourne; New Zealand Institute, Wellington; Geographical Society, Tokyo Library, Tokyo, Japan; Government Observatory, Madras, India; Société Phys.-Mathématique, Kasan, Russia; Société des Naturalistes de la Nouvelle Russie, Odessa; K. K. Mineralogische Gesellschaft, Comité Geologique, Physikalische Central Observatoriums, St. Petersburg, Russia; Bataviaasche Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen, Batavia, Java; K. Bibliotheek, K. Zoologisch-Botanische Genootschap, 'S Gravenhage, Holland; Société Hollandaise des Sciences, Musée Teyler, Haarlem, Holland; Friessch Genootschap voor Geschied. Oudheid en Taalkunde, Leeuwarden, Friesland; Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Holland;

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Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. E. Jones, Augusta, Ga.; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Instituto Fisico-Geografico y Museo Nacional, San José, Costa Rica, C. A.; Museo de La Plata, Argentine Republic, S. A.; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Caracas, Venezuela, S. A.; South African Philosophical Society, Cape Town; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Manhattan, Kans., Madison, Wis.

A photograph for the Society's Album was received from Mr. H. A. Hill, Boston, Mass.

A circular from the R. Accademia delle Scienze, Turin, Italy, announcing the death of its President, Prof. Comm. Michele Lessona.

The deaths of the following members were reported to the Society:

Brugsch Bey, Berlin, Prussia; died September 10, 1894, æt. 67.

Prof. Heinrich Helmholtz, Charlottenberg, Germany; died September —, 1894.

Prof. William Dwight Whitney, New Haven, Conn.; died June 7, 1894, æt. 67.

Dr. William T. Barnard, Boonton, N. J.; died May 9, 1894.

Rear-Admiral Edward Yorke Macauley, Philadelphia; died September 14, 1894, æt. 68.

Dr. Robert Peter, Lexington, Ky.; died April 26, 1894, æt. 89.

On motion, the President was authorized and requested to appoint a suitable person to prepare the usual obituary notice for the late Admiral Macauley.*

Dr. Cope presented for the *Transactions* a paper on the "Taxonomy of the Ophidia," which was, on motion, referred to a Committee of three members, to be appointed by the President.†

Prof. Cope made an oral communication in reference to a late review in the *Archiv für Anthropologie* (Braunschweig,

* Dr. Persifor Frazer was subsequently appointed.

† Drs. Ryder, Chapman and Sharp were subsequently appointed.

1893) upon his views of the ancestry of man, pointing out the errors into which the reviewer had fallen.

Pending nominations Nos. 1273, 1274, 1276 to 1301, inclusive, and new nominations 1302 and 1303 were read.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, October 5, 1894.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

Letters of envoy were received from the K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig, Saxony ; Royal Observatory, Greenwich, Eng.; Royal Statistical Society, Zoölogical Society, London, Eng.; Musée de La Plata, Argentine Republic.

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